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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Utah, estimated at 7.18 million bushels, is up 16 percent from 2015, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 59.9 bushels per acre, up 11.4 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 120,000 acres in the fall of 2015 for harvest in 2016, down from 125,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 7,000 acres from last year to 112,000 acres in 2016. Winter wheat production is estimated at 6.72 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 60.0 bushels per acre, is up 12.0 bushels per acre from last year, and is a new record high yield, 8.0 bushels per acre above the previous record yield of 52.0 bushels per acre, set in 1999.

Spring wheat seedings, at 9,000 acres, are down 1,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 8,000 acres, down from 9,000 acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 464,000 bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 58.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Utah's **barley** seeded area, at 29,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 19,000 acres, is up 3,000 acres from 2015. Barley yield, at 82.0 bushels per acre is down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2016 is estimated at 1.56 million bushels, up 16 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.31 billion bushels in 2016, up 12 percent from the revised 2015 total of 2.06 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the revised 2015 total of 1.37 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, is up 12.8 bushels from 2015 and represents a new record high. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 30.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Record high yields are estimated in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin for 2016.

Other spring wheat production for 2016 is estimated at 534 million bushels, down 11 percent from the revised 2015 total of 603 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 11.3 million acres, down 13 percent from 2015. The United States yield is estimated at 47.2 bushels per acre, 1 bushel higher than the 2015 average yield and represents a new record high. Of the total production, 493 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 13 percent from 2015. A record high yield is estimated in Idaho for 2016.

Barley production is estimated at 199 million bushels, down 9 percent from the revised 2015 total of 218 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.9 bushels, is up 8.8 bushels from the previous year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.05 million acres in 2016, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2015.

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